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DRIVER SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/247,756, filed February 9, 1999. Please amend the specification and claims as indicated below before the first examination of the present application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.